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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

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I want you please to check your records for my International Patent Application PCT/GR 00/00018 - 21 April 2000 titled "FLEXIBLE DRINKING STRAW" that has already entered the US National Stage under Chapter II, at October 15, 2001 but I have received neither the stamped postcard nor the Official Filing Receipt.

- The PTO did receive the papers (that I sent at 09 October 2001 by an Express Registered Letter) at October 15, 2001. I attach the Mail Receipt stamped by the PTO.

I attach also,

- The original transmittal letter
- The receipt of payment for US \$ 500. I have paid the National Fee by Wire Transfer.

However, I really understand your difficulties through that period. So, it is very easy for me to send to PTO again the papers.

With best regards,

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P.S. I am an Applicant Pro. Se but I am going to appoint a Patent Agent to transact the examination procedure.

FORM PTO-1170 (REV 12-29-99)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GR 00/00018		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 21 April 2000		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 22 April 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION FLEXIBLE DRINKING STRAW				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US FOTOPoulos, G., Anastasios				

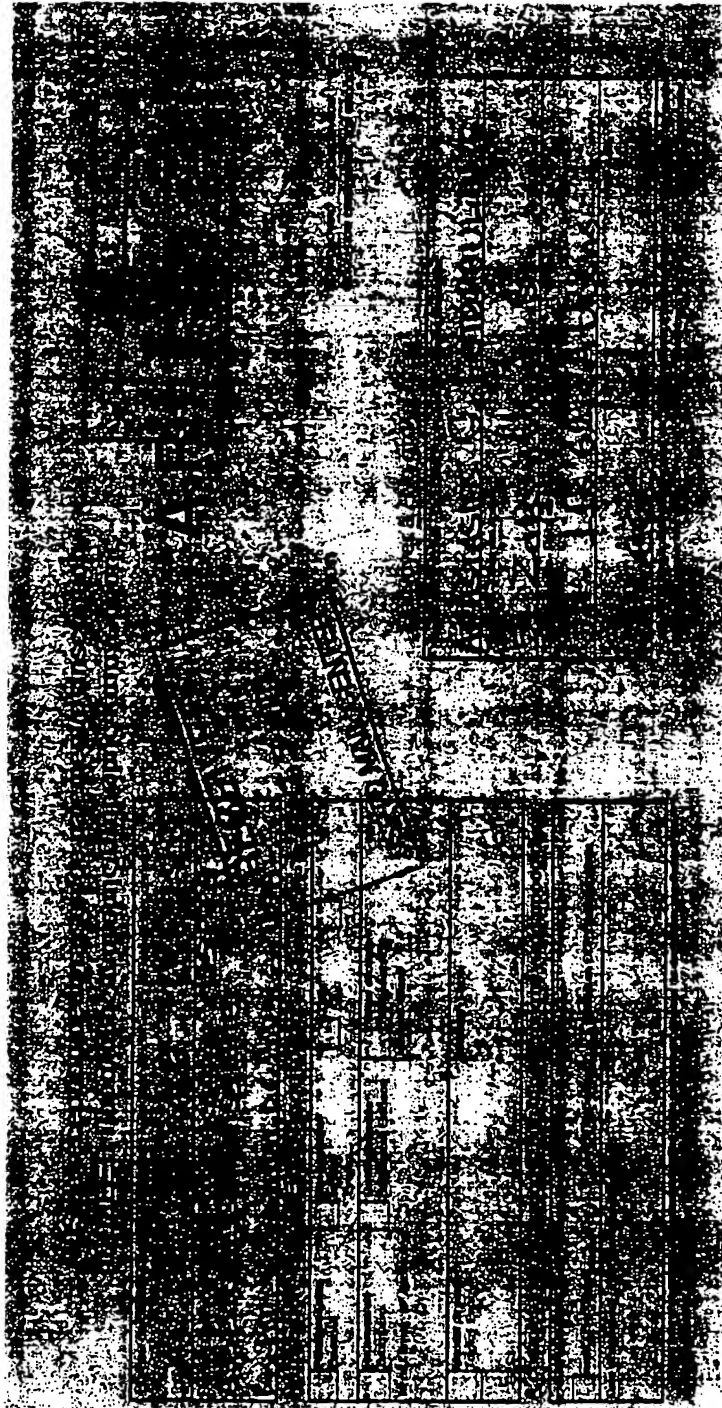
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- ☒ Other items or information:
 - Return Receipt Postcard #1
 - Small Entity Declaration of Inventor

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